

FLAVOR AND EXTRACT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

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Arthur Neal Director, Program Administration National Organic Program USDA-AMS-TMP-NOP 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Room 4008-So. Bldg. Ag. Stop 0268 Washington, D.C. 20250

RE: Docket TM-04-07

Dear Mr. Neal:

On behalf of the Flavor and Extract Manufacturers Association of the U.S. (FEMA), I am writing to request that the National Organic Program extend the comment period by 60 days concerning "National Organic Program, Sunset Review" 70 Fed. Reg. 35177 (June 17, 2005). FEMA is the national association of flavor manufacturers and represents the vast majority of flavor companies in the United States. FEMA members create flavors for use in a wide variety of food and beverage products including certified organic products. The members of FEMA also include the suppliers of those ingredients.

FEMA is preparing comments concerning items currently on the National List, however we are requesting an additional 60 days in order to prepare the detailed comments requested in the June 17, 2005 notice.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Glenn Roberts
Executive Director

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